Within the get of Caine there is a hunger stirring. Once, twice, thrice the call to power and death Will rend the souls of the Thirteen. This is the death without bloodshed, This is the grave that has no ghosts.

A REFERENCE TO DIABLERIE? THE DEVOUR-ING OF THE SOUL ALLOWS FOR NO SPIRITUAL FRAGMENTS TO PASS BEYOND DEATH.

The Thirteen would seem to refer to the Antediluvians. Although there were undoubtedly more of them originally, thirteen is the number of clan founders cited in earlier sections. Behold, one dies in silence, cries unheard.

Children will bear his name but not his blood.

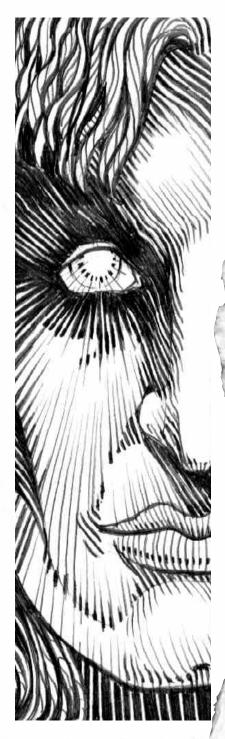
Blissful in ignorance, savoring blindness,

His get live out the minutes one by one,

A curious turn of phrase. Is it meant to imply that they might have lived out time according to some other pattern, had this not occurred?

ANOTHER REFERENCE TO TIME. COULD THESE BE THE SEERS?





While those who savor secret knowledge tremble, Scouring the world for each last drop of truth. There is no salvation in killing. Nor do the damned ever forget.

It is rumored that Brujah was killed by his own childe.

Chat is a lie spread by the Ventrue.

But if not, it would imply that a portion of this prophecy might refer to the past, not the future.

Prophecies of things which time will reveal, perhaps?

OR ELSE AN INDICATION OF HOW LONG AGO THESE WORDS WERE WRITTEN. WHAT IS PAST TO US MIGHT WELL HAVE BEEN THE FUTURE THEN.

The second shall be bound by magics Claimed by magics, raped by magics.

> A REFERENCE TO THE USURPERS, PERHAPS? THEY ARE THE ONLY CLAN WITH MAGIC.

Degenerate, thieving worms!

The reference might be to human sorcerers

Not if these prophecies deal with diablerie. That demands a Cainite offender.



His children shall be made into demons,

LITERALLY, OR MERELY BY REPUTATION?

Both possibilities are intriguing grounds for speculation.

Hunted for evils that are not their own. Beware the anger of the banished. Beware the fury of the abandoned. Ten times ten times ten they wait, Secret in shadows, savoring hatred.

IF THE ABOVE IS A REFERENCE TO 1,000 YEARS, THEN DURING THAT TIME THEY WILL RARELY BE SEEN, IF EVER.

Or perhaps they gain the Lasombra as allies; that blood has power over shadows.

Could ten times ten times ten reference their numbers? That would make a mighty host indeed.

Preposterous!

Until the night Sheol's army will find them

An army from Hell, literally? Or only in spirit?

Bringing them into the crimson light,

PERHAPS A REFERENCE TO THE RED STAR WHICH FIGURES IN OTHER PROPHECIES?

> Then shall those who strayed from their House Be strangled in the darkness While others huddle within its walls, Singing songs of magic and impotence.

INTERESTING. IT IS SAID THE TREMERE STILL MAINTAIN LINKS TO THEIR MORTAL HOUSE.

That would seem to be a perilous tactic for both mortals and Cainites, and a weakness that might yet be exploited.

Where is your pride now, you ancient thieves? What good are lies against cold steel? These are the soldiers who know no silence.

These are the ones who dance with the Beast.

POSSIBLY ONE OF THE CLANS WHOSE SKILLS INCLUDE WAKENING THE BEAST WITHIN

Or those who have made their peace with the Beast. It is said a few lineages have managed that.

Or simply those who revel in their Cainite nature?





And in that time when princes fall And high priests rise up among the damned

> THE SETITES HAVE A PRIESTHOOD, YES? PERHAPS THIS REFERS TO THEIR COMING ASCENDANCY AMONG OUR KIND.

Or at least their coming out into the open. Che "soldiers who know no silence?"

Then shall ancient crimes be answered,

Then shall the theft of souls be avenged.

The third shall be betrayed by his own,

Treasured childe, knowledgeseeker,

Drunk on dreams of death and shadows.

SEVERAL CLANS MIGHT FIT THIS DESCRIPTION. THE CAPPADOCIANS AND THE ASSAMITES COME TO MIND.

Chat would be a fitting end for the Hssassins, devoured themselves as they devour others.

One can only hope

Where is your victory, drinker of souls? Your name will be cursed to the end of time And in the land where ghosts gather The dead shall devour hatred for strength And put on flesh to walk the earth again.

> IT IS SAID THAT SOME LOST SOULS ACTUALLY FEED ON HATRED, FEAR AND THE LIKE.

If so, our kind brews them enough to sustain an army.





Then shall your infanyy have its answer.

Then shall your victims scour the world,

Hungering for the taste of vengeance.

Then shall the souls whom you have abused

Gather about them bloody darkness

And strangle all invaders.

A TERRITORIAL DISPUTE AMONG THE DEAD, OR REFERENCE TO THE ORIGINAL CRIME?

It would seem the latter. Woe betide those who raise the ire of the unquiet dead, for their hatred is undying.

What is sown shall be reaped. The whirlwind shall devour them.

Fear the dead, for their vengeance shall be manifest. Fear the spirit without a body, for he shall find a voice. Fear the armies too long forgotten, for they do not forget.

